

CITY OF CARLISLE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (unabridged version)  
Saturday, February 9, 2008  
8:00 A.M.  
Carlisle City Hall Council Chamber

Officials present: Mayor Ruth Randleman, Council Members Douglas Hammerand, Eric Mahnke, Alma Reed and Robert VanRyswyk, Deputy Clerk Kay Black, City Administrator Neil Ruddy and Citizens Budget Advisory Committee member Jim Litwiller. Council Member Drew Merrifield was absent. Mayor Randleman presided and called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Motion by Hammerand to APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2008 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES. Seconded by Reed. Roll call vote: Hammerand – Aye, Reed – Aye, VanRyswyk – Aye, Mahnke – Aye. Motion carried on a unanimous vote of those present.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue review of the preliminary 2008-09 budget.

Citizens Budget Advisory Committee member Ann Mendleson arrived at 8:10 A.M.

Council Member Drew Merrifield joined the meeting by telephone at 8:15 A.M.

Staff explained two general fund budget scenarios based on the directive from the February 2, 2008 workshop session to not exceed the 2007-08 tax rate of \$13.96 per \$1,000 of valuation and to maintain a reserved general fund balance of at least 33% of annual receipts which would allow approximately \$171,930 to be appropriated for one-time capital expenditures. SCENARIO 1. WOULD LEVY TAXES AT A RATE OF \$13.96 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION, WITH A RATE OF \$9.70 FOR GENERAL LEVIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$931,296 AND A RATE OF \$4.26 FOR A DEBT SERVICE LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$408,188 which would generate total general fund revenues of \$1,443,418. With requested expenses of \$1,693,217, the deficit would be \$249,799 which would exceed the unreserved fund balance of approximately \$171,930 which could be appropriated for one-time capital expenditures. SCENARIO 2. WOULD LEVY TAXES AT A RATE OF \$13.96 PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION, WITH A RATE OF \$9.39 FOR GENERAL LEVIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$901,974 AND A RATE OF \$4.57 FOR A DEBT SERVICE LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$437,373 which would generate total general fund revenues of \$1,578,918, by allowing \$165,000 to be borrowed in short term notes to finance the acquisition of the ambulance in the amount of \$130,000 and the fire command vehicle in the amount of \$35,000. With requested expenses of \$1,693,217, the deficit would be \$114,299 which would be less than the unreserved fund balance of approximately \$171,930 which could be appropriated for one-time capital expenditures.

It was decided to reduce the requested general fund Police expenditures by \$7,500 from \$15,688 to \$8,188 for the law enforcement shared data base system, the City Council expenditures by \$2,500 from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for document management equipment and the Parks budget by \$1,000 to reflect the savings from the renegotiated ball field agreement. The command vehicle and the ambulance were discussed. It was decided to set the amount for the command vehicle at \$25,000 which would reduce the amount to be borrowed from \$165,000 to \$155,000. The reductions would allow the tax rate to be set at \$13.76 per \$1,000 or \$.20 less than the current rate of \$13.96 per \$1,000. It was explained that Indianola has proposed a tax rate of \$11.75 per \$1,000 or \$.10 less than the current rate of \$11.85 per

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\$1,000. There was discussion of setting the rate at \$13.80 or \$13.86 per \$1,000 to generate funds for additional projects.

Motion by Hammerand to direct staff to SET THE TAX RATE AT \$13.76 PER \$1,000 IN THE PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET. Seconded by VanRyswyk. Roll call vote: Hammerand – Aye, VanRyswyk – Aye, Merrifield – Aye, Reed – Nay, Mahnke – Aye. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote.

The SPECIAL PROJECTS of the downtown trailhead parking lot paving at \$ 27,000 and the aquatic center sidewalk & pedestrian crossing at \$ 15,000 for a total amount of \$42,000 were discussed. It was decided to include the two special projects in the 2008-09 proposed general fund budget in the total amount of \$42,000. With the \$21,000 in reductions in the Police, City Council and Parks budgets and the reduction in borrowing from \$165,000 to \$155,000, this would result in a general fund deficit of \$135,229 which would be \$36,631 less than the recommended maximum unreserved fund balance expenditure of \$171,930.

Motion by Mahnke TO ADJOURN AT 11:05 A.M. Seconded by Reed. Roll call vote: Mahnke – Aye, Reed – Aye, Merrifield – Aye, VanRyswyk – Aye, Hammerand – Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Ruth Randleman, Mayor

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Neil Ruddy, Administrator/Clerk